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SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, Member of Congress,  
United States House of Representatives;  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Investigation of this matter did not disclose any evidence whatsoever to substantiate allegations made by the complainant.

On January 31, 1978, Assistant United States Attorney Robert G. Ogren, Chief, Fraud Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., opined that neither further investigation nor Federal prosecutive action is deemed appropriate.

Complainant in the matter appears to have been terminated from his employment, as a staff member with Ms. Chisholm, due to his incompetence in his position and a change of responsibility of Ms. Chisholm on certain Congressional committees.

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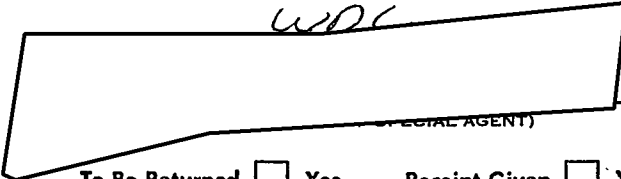
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# Chisholm is accused of misusing Congress \$

During her campaign for reelection last year Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-B'klyn) used congressional funds to give temporary pay raises to three campaign staff aides, the Washington Post said today.

The raises were rescinded after the campaign. House rules forbid using appropriated funds for such work. Mrs. Chisholm's chief assistant, Carolyn J. Smith, conceded that the pay increases had been made. But she denied they were given as payment for campaign work.

She said the three staff members received the increases because they were doing extra congressional work which coincided in time with the campaign.

## SOURCE OF CHARGES

Miss Smith and Colleen O'Connor, Mrs. Chisholm's press secretary, said the charges were made by a former staff member, O'Dell Lewis, who was dropped for incompetence.

Miss O'Connor said Lewis was "angry and embittered and is striking back."

Neither Mrs. Chisholm nor Lewis could be reached for comment.

The aides whose salaries were raised were Lewis, Miss O'Connor and grant specialist

Helen Butter.

Miss Smith said the pay boosts were to compensate for workloads which increased coincidentally during last summer's tough primary fight with City Councilman Samuel Wright.

The boosts were for extra Congressional work, she said, and extra Congressional work only.

## JOB CLAIM

Miss Smith also said that after being dropped in a "staff retrenchment" last February, Lewis filed a job discrimination claim against Mrs. Chisholm.

Hearings before the House Employment Practices Committee ended yesterday, according to Miss Smith, and Lewis' allegation was dismissed. "He then went right out and gave out this story—it's ridiculous," she said.

Lewis had been hired as a legislative aide while the Congresswoman was a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, said Miss O'Connor.

When Mrs. Chisholm moved to the Rules Committee this year, she found his experience was no longer "appropriate," Miss O'Connor said.

But she also said he had "an on-going problem rooted in his incompetence."

Because of that, Miss O'Connor said he had been moved from legislative duties to "community work" in Mrs. Chisholm's Brooklyn office last year, and the \$1600 per year raise was "to accommodate his family's move."

Any campaign work he did, said Miss Smith, was during "off-hours" and paid for from campaign funds.

"In my case I did nothing in the campaign," said Miss O'Connor, who confirmed that her annual salary rate went from \$14,833 before the election to \$17,083 during the campaign, then to \$16,722 afterward.

"In that time I was working 60 hours a week. The pace of the office stepped up tremendously. But it doesn't mean I was doing campaign-related work."

"You know how hot that race was with Sam Wright," Miss O'Connor went on. "Some days I did nothing but answer the phone. But during the whole campaign I never went to Brooklyn once."

Lewis told the Washington Post that his pay, at an annual rate of \$17,296 before and after the election, rose to \$18,872 in August and September, when he was working in New York and campaigning in the primary.

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A G E N D A

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM AUGUST 23, 1976.

1. Invocation . . . . . Rev. Clarence Norman
2. Greetings . . . . . Rev. Clarence Norman
3. Introduction of Cong. Shirley Chisholm . . . . Sen. Owens
4. Introduction of Special Guests . . . . Cong. Chisholm
5. Remarks . . . . . Cong. Shirley Chisholm  
"MORALITY OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL"
6. Benediction.

ATLANTIC PLAZA TOWERS TENANTS' COUNCIL

RENT STRIKE RALLY

PLACE: PLAZA ROOM

DATE: AUGUST 23, 1976

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

ALL TENANTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS RALLY IN ORDER TO HEAR  
THE COMMENTS OF OUR SUPPORTERS IN REGARD TO THE RENT STRIKE.  
ALL LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THIS AREA HAVE BEEN  
INVITED TO ATTEND.

EVERY OCCUPIED APARTMENT IN THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.

P.S. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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# CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>
Saturday, August 21	all day	street	
Sunday, August 22	2-6 p.m.	Restoration (fund-raising)	Black Women Caucus
* Monday, August 23	8 p.m.	1519 Pitkin Ave., Club	
Friday, August 27	9 p.m.	Hotel Granada	Citywide Salute to [redacted]
Saturday, August 28	all day	street	[redacted]
Sunday, August 29	4-8 p.m.	Mahogany Room	Friends for Re-election of Shirley Chisholm
Monday, August 30	9-11 a.m.	Rosetta Garden Center	[redacted]
<i>Thursday Sept 2</i> Friday, September 3		<i>Forum</i>	[redacted]
Saturday, September 4	all day	street	[redacted]
Thursday, September 9	8 p.m. 9 p.m.	Victor's Club Carl Butler's Club	59th Assembly District 56th Assembly District
Friday, September 10	10 a.m.	Senior Citizen Center--Wyckoff Street	[redacted]
Saturday, September 11	all day	street	[redacted]
* Sunday, September 12	11 a.m. 4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Grace Church 40th A.D. Political Club Atlantic Ave. Towers	[redacted]

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TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA

FROM: CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK  
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CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, FOURTH TERM REPRESENTATIVE  
FROM THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WILL DEBATE CHALLENGER  
SAMUEL D. WRIGHT, BROOKLYN CITY COUNCILMAN.  
\*\*\*ON THE ISSUES\*\*\* ON THE RECORD \*\*\* ON THE FUTURE OF THE  
PEOPLE IN THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT\*\*\*

DATE: THURSDAY SEPT 2, 1976  
TIME: 8:00 PM  
PLACE: VARICK MEMORIAL AME CHURCH  
806 QUINCY STREET  
BROOKLYN, NY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO :SAC, WFO (46-

DATE: 5/23/77

FROM :SC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT [REDACTED] *Staff member, Congressman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, U.S. House Representative*  
~~FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT~~ *FINA*

At 2:35pm. 5/23/77. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] visited WFO

and furnished the following information.

[REDACTED] stated he was formerly employed by Representative SHIRLEY CHISHOLM [REDACTED] in her WDC office. [REDACTED] stated that during the period 8/1/76 through 9/15/76 he was primarily working for the re-election of CHISHOLM in New York City but was drawing his salary from the House of Representatives [REDACTED] stated the House travel account for staff members has records showing he was reimbursed for four or five flights and one train trip he took to New York to work on the re-election. [REDACTED] also stated he has receipts for Hertz cars that he rented in New York. [REDACTED] also stated the state Senator MAJOR OWENS and State Representative TOMAS BOYLAND, New York, will verify he worked for CHISHOLM's re-election while in New York City.

[REDACTED] further alleged that pay raises given to the WDC office staff members by [REDACTED] to Rep. CHISHOLM, were kicked back to [REDACTED] and then either placed in the stationary account fund or in [REDACTED] personal account. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] placed the kick backed money into a credit union and then transferred the money to the other accounts. [REDACTED] feels that some members of the staff are aware of this activity but that others are not.

[REDACTED] provided the following names of staff members who he thinks <sup>ARE</sup> knowledgeable about the above activity: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and they agree with his assessment that the pay increases were kicked back to [REDACTED] and the money went into the stationary account fund and her



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# Rep. Chisholm Defends Raises to Aides

By Warren Brown  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.) gave temporary pay raises from congressional funds to three staff aides who worked for her re-election last year. The raises were rescinded after the campaign work ended.

House rules forbid the use of appropriated funds to pay for campaign work. Chisholm's top staff aide, Carolyn J. Smith, denies the raises were given specifically for that reason.

Instead, Smith said the pay was needed to compensate staff aides whose office workloads coincidentally increased during last year's campaign. The raises were for extra congressional work and extra congressional work on the campaign. She said.

However, Smith's contention is disputed by O'Dell Lewis, who was dropped from Chisholm's staff last February because of what the congressman called a "staff retrenchment." Lewis claims his temporary raise—an annual rate of \$17,296.95 to \$17,872.14—was given to cover his expenses for campaigning for Chisholm during the New York Democratic primary last summer.

Lewis said he originally was supposed to be paid for his campaign expenses through cash advances drawn from the Chisholm campaign fund. But such advances were not available during the months of August and September when he campaigned for Chisholm in Brooklyn, he said.

"So Carolyn Smith said she would have to raise my salary to cover my expenses . . . I wasn't sure about doing that at first because I would have to pay taxes on the pay increase. But she said she would work it out," Lewis said.

Lewis said he paid the taxes. His salary dropped back to the annual pay rate of \$17,296 after he completed his campaign work, according to House payroll records.

Smith acknowledged she raised Lewis' House salary while he was working in Brooklyn. But she denies the raise was given to cover his campaign expenses.

"While he was up there in Brooklyn, he carried on congressional work

in the Brooklyn office," she said. "He was only supposed to be involved in campaign work on off-hours. I only increased his salary twice because he had a heavy workload," she said. Smith said Lewis was reimbursed from campaign funds for campaign-related expenses.

However, according to Federal Election Commission records, the only campaign fund reimbursement Lewis received was \$175 for setting up a breakfast meeting of Chisholm supporters.

Other Chisholm staffers whose salaries were raised during the campaign and reduced afterward are Helen C. Butler, a grant specialist, and the congresswoman's press secretary, Colleen A. O'Connor.

Butler's annual pay rate went from \$15,135.46 before the campaign to \$18,991.36 during the campaign and dropped to \$16,000 afterwards. O'Connor's annual pay rate went from \$14,833.34 before the election to \$17,083.86 during the campaign and dropped to \$16,772.80 afterwards, according to House records.

Smith said neither Butler nor O'Connor went to New York specifically to campaign. Instead, both spent much time in Washington "digging up information to answer charges" brought by Chisholm's primary opponent, New York City Councilman Samuel D. Wright, she said.

"Our opposition was trying to say that Mrs. Chisholm was not bringing [federal] money into the community," Smith said. "To disprove those charges, we had to dig. Helen Butler is Mrs. Chisholm's grant specialist. She was in and out of HEW and HUD, working nights, sometimes to midnight digging up information. Mrs. Chisholm felt she deserved something extra for her work," Smith said.

O'Connor worked in a similar capacity and was given a raise in compensation for her efforts, Smith said, insisting that the raises were proper.

"They weren't out there knocking on doors and meeting people and doing that kind of thing," she said. "They just had extra work to do. Everybody has extra work to do during campaign time," she said.

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On 5/25/77 allegations made by [redacted] former [redacted] to Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM (D-NY) was referred to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT G. OGREN, Chief, Fraud Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Washington, D.C. AUSA OGREN opined that in view of allegations involving a "kickback" arrangement further investigation is warranted but that an issue centered on increased salary of [redacted] to perform campaign work for CHISHOLM in New York would not warrant investigation by the FBI but rather, if substantiated in the course of the foregoing, may be referred to the appropriate Congressional Ethics Committee.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed at her office, [redacted] by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents (SA's) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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At the outset of this interview [redacted] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to determine her possible knowledge pertaining to allegations made by [redacted]

[redacted] and which recently appeared in the Washington, D. C., press as well as the New York Post on May 19, 1977. [redacted] advised that she was aware of such allegations and had been questioned by members of the press relative to this matter.

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[redacted] was placed under oath by SA [redacted] after which she provided the following information.

[redacted] stated that it was true [redacted] worked in the office for a few months and served partially as a [redacted] to Congresswoman CHISHOLM but that it was immediately apparent to [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] was incompetent in performing tasks assigned to him. She stated that he did not have tact in dealing with constituents and that he prepared and followed his own itinerary. She stated that both she as well as [redacted] and others on the staff recommended that [redacted] not be hired.

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Regarding campaign activity of [redacted] stated that sometime during the summer of 1976, [redacted] came to CHISHOLM and requested that he work in the campaign in New York. [redacted] stated that CHISHOLM told him that only Brooklyn people, that is people in CHISHOLM's New York office, would work on the campaign and that Washington office personnel would not get involved. [redacted] stated that [redacted] asked CHISHOLM if he could work in New York on

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the weekends on behalf of CHISHOLM's campaign. She said that this was finally approved by CHISHOLM. She stated that CHISHOLM told [ ] to find a place in [ ] office in Brooklyn and to work on his own on weekends. She stated that she understood [ ] work in Brooklyn to be Community Relations and not campaign related except on the weekends.

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[ ] advised that as [ ] was in the Washington, D. C., office of Congresswoman CHISHOLM a great deal of time during his employment, it became apparent to the entire staff that [ ] did not know how to deal with constituents and that he often caused a great deal of turmoil in the office. She said that the entire staff felt that [ ] should be terminated from employment at the office, but that Congresswoman CHISHOLM did not have the fortitude to fire him. She stated that the opportunity to release [ ] came about when there was a restructure in the office in February, 1977, and at that time CHISHOLM did terminate [ ] employment at the office.

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Concerning payment to [ ] by her and other members of the staff, [ ] stated that the House Stationery Store permitted staff members to purchase merchandise at a discount and to charge the House member. She stated that staff members would pay for the merchandise by making payments to [ ] and that at no time did she nor any other member of the staff take payments to [ ] for the replenishment of the office stationery fund. She advised that after January, 1977, this pattern discontinued because of a house rule change, allowing staff members to make purchases directly from the House Stationery Store.

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On 10/12/77, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. OGREN, Chief Fraud Unit, USA's Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC), was apprised of the results of interviews conducted in Congresswoman's office concerning this matter. AUSA OGREN requested that Subject be interviewed and report submitted.

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House of Representatives, U.S.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Winnie Burrell  
Carla Kish  
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Patricia Schroeder, M.C.  
Morris Udall, M.C.

19 May, 1977

Mrs. Shirley Chisholm  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Mrs. Chisholm:


After reviewing the charges of discrimination and the particulars of the incident in the complaint of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the House Fair Employment Practices Committee has found no evidence that his dismissal was due to discrimination according to the terms of the House Fair Employment Practices Agreement.

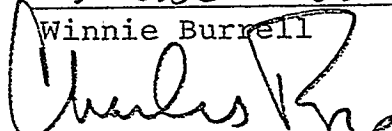
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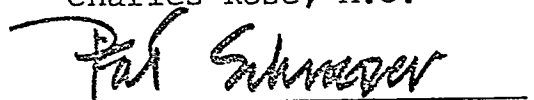
In view of the fact that [REDACTED] has already gone public with this complaint, the Committee has agreed to the release of the confidentiality of this letter and a similar letter being sent to [REDACTED]

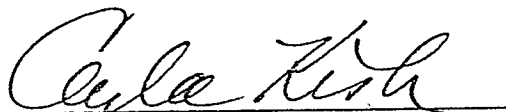
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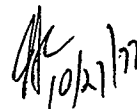
  
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Charles Rose, M.C.

  
Patricia Schroeder, M.C.

  
Carla Kish

  
Morris Udall, M.C.

  
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[redacted] His background shows a strong commitment to the issues we are involved in. Shirley has not met him yet, b [redacted] expects to on Wednesday. I found him very personable, self-assured, very articulate. References call him aggressive, bright, committed. I have heard only one reservation: he is sometimes so committed to achieving what he wants, that he gets carried away: on a previous job he occasionally represented himself to people as an attorney although he is not. The reference who told me this said that if he were handled in a way to curb this tendency, he would be an outstanding staff person. I am inclined to think that such a tendency means he would work well in a situation where he was delegated much responsibility, as in this office. However, I don't feel entirely sure of my reaction to this. This is my only reservation about him. I will be interested to hear what Shirley thinks.

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October 19, 1977

[Redacted]

Howard University  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter requesting information about [Redacted] job performance has been received by this office. My policy is to provide this kind of information in reference to a particular job description. Therefore, if you would let me know the nature of the position for which [Redacted] is under consideration, I would be glad to respond to your request.

Sincerely yours,

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM  
Member of Congress

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*Call for more info*

HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
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Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm  
House of Representative  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Chisholm;

[redacted] is being consider for a position in our program here at Howard University. This letter is in reference to his past job performance while in your association. I would appreciate any information you might be able to provide <sup>pro</sup> regarding [redacted] professional abilities and his past work habits.

We would greatly appreciate prompt reply in this matter.

[redacted]

*OK*  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/1/77

[redacted] to Congress-  
woman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, was interviewed at her office, [redacted]  
by [redacted]  
[redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent (SA)  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

At the outset of the interview, [redacted] was advised  
that the purpose of the interview was to determine her possible  
knowledge pertaining to certain allegations made [redacted]  
by [redacted] former [redacted] to CHISHOLM,  
including statements to the effect that [redacted] had increased  
staff salaries and subsequently asking staff members to pay  
back the increased amount [redacted] for the replenishment of the  
stationary fund account. [redacted] was also advised that other  
allegations made by [redacted] included statements that [redacted]  
[redacted] pertaining to the 12th Congressional District of  
Brooklyn, [redacted] to campaign for CHISHOLM and  
to use campaign funds in so doing. Further, [redacted] was told  
of allegations made by [redacted] concerning [redacted] thwarting his  
attempts to obtain Workmen's Compensation as the result of  
an injury he suffered while employed on the staff of CHISHOLM.

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[redacted] was advised of certain Constitutional rights  
and she waived them as shown on a warning and waiver form.

[redacted] was placed under oath by SA [redacted] after  
which she provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was hired by CHISHOLM's  
office [redacted] as a [redacted]. Soon after he  
was hired, [redacted] went on, [redacted] requested that he go to New  
York and campaign for CHISHOLM. [redacted] told  
[redacted] that staff personnel would not be allowed to do such,  
however, if he wanted to campaign for CHISHOLM on his own  
time on weekends it would be okay. [redacted] stated that campaign  
funds were not expended for [redacted] activities.

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Regarding the stationary fund account, [redacted] stated  
that staff members could purchase items from the House Stationary  
Store and [redacted] the charge was made against the  
House member's account. She stated that normally such checks -

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were made payable to CHISHOLM by staff members. CHISHOLM would endorse the checks and [ ] would then pay the House Stationary Store. [ ] stated that she can never recall the fund being depleted and that money paid by staff members was for their personal purchases at the House Stationary Store.

Concerning [ ] and his position at CHISHOLM's office, [ ] stated that although [ ] did not carry through with assignments given him, he was not terminated for incompetence. She stated that CHISHOLM, who had been a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, moved to the House Rules Committee during the period of time [ ] was on the staff. [ ] stated that [ ] according to his credentials, could not function effectively dealing with Rules and he was asked to resign. [ ] stated that when [ ] was approached about leaving the staff, he was completely amiable and showed no negative feelings about the situation. [ ] stated that

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CHISHOLM provided [ ] with a blanket letter of recommendation.



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[ ] advised that [ ] had filed a discrimination claim against CHISHOLM since he was replaced by a woman. [ ] stated that his replacement was qualified to deal with issues of the Rules Committee and was hired for that reason. She stated that the House Employment Practices Committee dismissed the claim made by [ ] based on the facts presented.

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Date of transcription 11/3/77

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed in her office by [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to obtain her possible knowledge with regard to certain allegations made by [redacted] former [redacted] to Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM.

[redacted] stated that she was employed in the office of CHISHOLM from [redacted] and that her latest position was that of CHISHOLM's [redacted]. She said that she was aware of charges made by [redacted] with regard to possible improprieties on the part of [redacted] to CHISHOLM. [redacted] stated that she believes [redacted] to have the highest integrity and completely competent in her position. She stated further that when [redacted] was hired, he immediately proved himself to be incompetent. She stated that she was against hiring him in the first place but that the office was under pressure to have the position filled in that there was a lot of work to be accomplished. She stated that the references [redacted] presented were not checked out very carefully.

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[redacted] advised that she is not aware of any impropriety on the part of anyone in the office of CHISHOLM and stated that she could not understand why [redacted] was making such allegations except as a vendetta against CHISHOLM for asking him to resign when she moved to the Rules Committee.

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WASHINGTON FIELD	WASHINGTON FIELD	11/8/77	5/25/77 - 10/28/77
TITLE OF CASE		REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
[redacted] to SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, Member of Congress, United States House of Representatives		SA [redacted]	jc
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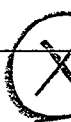
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Administrative: The length of this investigative period was brought about due to congressional recess and unavailability of Member's staff.

LEAD: WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.: Upon his review of this report, will consult with AUSA ROBERT G. OGREN relative to further investigation deemed warranted in this matter.

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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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(Attn: AUSA ROBERT G. OGREN)

Report of: [redacted] Office: Washington, D. C.  
Date: 11/8/77

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Field Office File #: 46-10712 A Bureau File #:

Title: [redacted] to  
SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, Member of Congress, United  
States House of Representatives

Character: FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Synopsis: On 5/25/77, [redacted] former [redacted] to Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM (Democrat-Brooklyn, New York), was interviewed relative to allegations he made concerning [redacted] to Mrs. CHISHOLM. Certain of the allegations made by [redacted] involve campaign activities undertaken by [redacted] while on the staff of Mrs. CHISHOLM, under the direction of the Congresswoman. Further, [redacted] alleged that [redacted] had increased salaries of staff members and requested the money be kickbacked to her to replenish the stationery fund account. Subsequently, on 5/25/77, this matter was referred to AUSA ROBERT G. OGREN, WDC, who requested further investigation be conducted by the Bureau. On 6/6/77, [redacted] to Mrs. CHISHOLM, was interviewed. She stated that [redacted] proved himself to be incompetent in the position for which he was hired, but that he was sent to New York to handle community relations in the Brooklyn office and that he was instructed by the staff in WDC that any campaign activities undertaken by him would have to be on his own time on a volunteer basis. There was no indication from [redacted] concerning any kickback arrangement by [redacted] On 10/12/77, AUSA OGREN requested that [redacted] be interviewed relative to this matter and on 10/25/77, [redacted] was interviewed. Nothing of a positive nature, concerning the allegations made by [redacted] was developed from the interview. On 10/25/77, [redacted] to Mrs. CHISHOLM, was also interviewed. She stated that [redacted] did not perform in specific assignments she had given him. No positive information was developed concerning the allegations against [redacted] On 10/28/77, [redacted] former [redacted] for Mrs. CHISHOLM, was interviewed. Nothing of a positive nature, concerning the allegations made by [redacted]

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was developed from the interview except to the effect that [redacted] was again portrayed as being incompetent.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a telephone call from complainant, [redacted] Washington, D. C., on May 23, 1977.

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On 10/12/77 Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) ROBERT W. OGREN, Chief Fraud Unit, USA's Office, Washington, D. C. (WDC), was apprised of the results of interviews conducted in Congresswoman's office concerning this matter. AUSA OGREN requested that Subject be interviewed and report submitted.

In Reply, Please Refer to

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## FBI CASE STATUS FORM

Date: 2/1/78To : HON. EARL J. SILBERT, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
*Name and location of USA*From: NICK F. STAMES, WASHINGTON, D.C.  
*Name of Official in Charge and Field Division**Signature of Official in Charge*

You are hereby advised of action indicated below:

Re : [REDACTED]  
*Name* *Sex* *Age*FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, Title 18 USC, Section 1001  
*Violation (Include Section and Title Numbers of United States Code.)*Complaint ☐ authorized ☒ declined on 1/31/78 by AUSA ROBERT G. OGREN  
*Date* *USA or AUSA*Bond recommended N/AComplaint filed by N/A on                       
*Agent's Name* *Date*with N/A and warrant issued.  
*U. S. Magistrate*Facts on which complaint ☐ authorized ☒ declined and other pertinent information about case:

Allegations were made by a former employee of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, U. S. House of Representatives, to the effect that Ms. Chisholm's [REDACTED] had initiated a "kickback" scheme from increased staff salaries. Investigation of this matter did not disclose any evidence whatsoever to substantiate allegations made by the complainant. AUSA Robert G. Ogren opined that neither further investigation nor Federal prosecutive action is deemed appropriate. Complainant appears to have been terminated from his employment as a staff member due to incompetence and a change of responsibility of Ms. Chisholm on certain Congressional committees.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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[redacted]  
[redacted] to SHIRLEY CHISHOLM,  
Member of Congress, United States  
House of Representatives;  
FAG (A)  
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Re WFOrep of SA [redacted] 11/8/77.

Referenced rep centers on allegations that were made by a former staff employee of Congresswoman SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, U. S. House of Representatives, to the effect that Ms. CHISHOLM's [redacted] had initiated a "kickback" scheme from increased staff salaries. Investigation of this matter did not disclose any evidence whatsoever to substantiate allegations made by the complainant. All investigation conducted by WFO is set forth in referenced rep.

On 1/31/78 Assistant United States Attorney ROBERT G. OGREN, Washington, D. C., opined that neither further investigation nor Federal prosecutive action is deemed appropriate. Complainant appears to have been terminated from his employment as a staff member due to incompetence and a change of responsibility of Ms. CHISHOLM on certain Congressional committees.

In view of the foregoing, captioned matter is placed in a closed status.

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